

Stores to Close Thursday Afternoons.

Commencing Thursday, July 12, the stores of the city will be closed at noon for a half holiday during July and August.

County Draft Board.

Governor Sleeper has appointed Sheriff Griffin, County Clerk Nichols and Dr. F. L. Rice of Owosso, as the draft board for Shiawassee county.

Co. H at War Strength.

Wednesday the announcement was made that Co. H had been recruited to war strength, 150 men. The recruiting will be continued, however, that some of the men may be transferred to their home companies or to the regular army.

Special Offerings.

Next Sunday the Methodist churches of the county are expected to take offerings for the Red Cross work, while the Baptist churches will ask contributions for aid of Baptists in Belgium and France, many of whom have lost their homes and property and some of the pastors have been driven into German peonage.

Co. H Men Disobey.

Nearly 50 members of Co. H, 33rd regiment, have been deprived of their privileges and are confined to quarters for ten days for refusing to drill, giving as their reason that the breakfast was not fit to eat, consisting of corn meal gruel not properly cooked, and bacon that was nearly raw.

Shiawassee Mutual.

The board of directors of the Shiawassee County Mutual Fire Insurance Company held their regular monthly meeting to adjust claims, Friday, at the county treasurer's office. The following claims were allowed for fire and lightning losses: W. T. Parker Caledonia township, \$650; Charles Kelsey, Burns, \$8; Orlando Lee, Burns, \$6; E. W. Drury, Bennington, \$20; John Regman, Hazelton, \$10; N. E. Allen, Rush, \$8; Hiram Walter, Hazelton, \$16.50; Howard E. Balcom, Sciota, \$12; E. E. Brown, Sciota, \$75; George Aiken, Caledonia, \$18.

Cooney-Shields.

The wedding of Harry Cooney of Detroit, and Miss Anna Shields, was solemnized at St. Paul's Catholic church by Rev. Fr. Slane, Tuesday morning, in the presence of a church full of friends. Misses Tillie Shields and Vera Donahue and Albert Donahue and Leo Adams sang Ave Maria.

A wedding breakfast was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dingler, West Exchange street, where the bride has made her home. Mr. and Mrs. Cooney left for Detroit in the afternoon, where they will reside, the groom being connected with the Advance Gravel Co. The bride has made her home in Owosso for several years and has been bookkeeper for the Foster Co.

St. Paul's School Graduation.

The graduation exercises of St. Paul's school were held Friday evening at the Lincoln theatre which was crowded with friends of the graduates and members of St. Paul's Catholic church. Rev. Fr. Slane presented the diplomas and gave good advice to those present, particularly on patriotic lines, urging faithfulness to God, which would insure patriotism, obedience, regularity of life, respect for authority.

Rev. Fr. Fennarty, C. S. P., of Portland, Oregon, addressed the graduates briefly, clearly outlining their duties to God, to others and themselves.

The program included a flag drill by twenty-five scholars, a drama by twenty-four boys and one girl, entitled "The Ship in the Wake," followed by an operetta "Cinderella in Fairyland," a beautiful play featured by the costuming which included gowns representing flowers, bees, butterflies, sunbeams and raindrops. Music and dancing was exceptionally fine. Most of the pupils of the school took part in the play. Marjory Byrnes, Margaret Hagen and Amanda Verhoff rendered a piano trio, "Queen Esther," a play founded on the book of Esther, was well presented by twenty-two pupils. The orchestra was composed of pupils of the school.

James Campbell was valedictorian. His address was well given and he was heartily endorsed. The young people who received diplomas were Misses Elizabeth Edna Carmody, Alma Frances Drake, Mary Ellen Corcoran and Margaret Alma Juhl, and Davis LeRoy Murphy, Adelbert Ernest White, Paul George Flynn, Basil John Flynn, James Edward Corcoran, Joseph Albert Fischer and Joseph Leslie Campbell.

Recruits for Co. H.

George Wensell, aged 20, and George Wensell aged 19, uncle and nephew of Durand, have enlisted in Co. H. To distinguish them Capt. Steck has given one a middle letter W and the other X. Cecil Waters of Elsie, has also enlisted.

Shriners Form Association.

Durand was host to Elf Khurafah patrol, Shriners of Saginaw and the Shriners of the county June 21. The Saginaw patrol put on an exhibition drill during the afternoon and at 7 o'clock a banquet was served in the Masonic temple. About 90 Shriners and their ladies sat down to the spread.

After the repast the Shiawassee County Shriners' Association was formed, with Harry L. Isor temporary chairman and Byron P. Hicks temporary secretary and treasurer. Both are of Durand. The organization is largely for social purposes.

Lieut. Harry A. Orr Promoted.

The friends in Owosso of Harry Orr will be pleased to learn that he moved a step higher in the United States Navy, having been appointed and confirmed as Lieutenant-Commander. Harry's natural mechanical ability has enabled him to work out a number of improvements which are being utilized to good advantage in the navy, chief of which is a range finder which enables the men in charge of the guns to locate quickly and definitely any object at which they may wish to shoot. The boat to which he is assigned is still on this side of the Atlantic but will undoubtedly accompany the fleet when it crosses to France.

Claim Husbands Are Cruel.

Seth Q. Pulver started two divorce cases Tuesday, one for Mrs. Agnes Irene Emmendorfer who was married last October at Flushing to Edward J. Emmendorfer. She suffered abuse, including being thrown out of the house three times, and has had but one dollar from him, claims he got drunk repeatedly and used vile language. She claims he has a good farm and personal property, and asks an injunction restraining him from disposing of it and for temporary alimony.

Mrs. Emma Gunn of Owosso, charges that Siegel Gunn whom she married in 1915, has never bought her any clothing, has lived at her home, and failed to provide for her, that he is cruel, that she has worked to support herself and children and that he has tried to get her property from her.

Chautauqua Prospects.

This year's Chautauqua program was discussed after the meeting of the Improvement Association, Tuesday, and is considered one of the best that could be made up from the wonderful talent that is now in this work. One hundred citizens have signed the guarantee of \$1000 which must be paid to the Coit-Alber Chautauqua Co., and it should be a much easier matter to sell the season tickets this year after the grand program given last year, and the realization that this year's program is superior to that of last year. The program is printed in this issue.

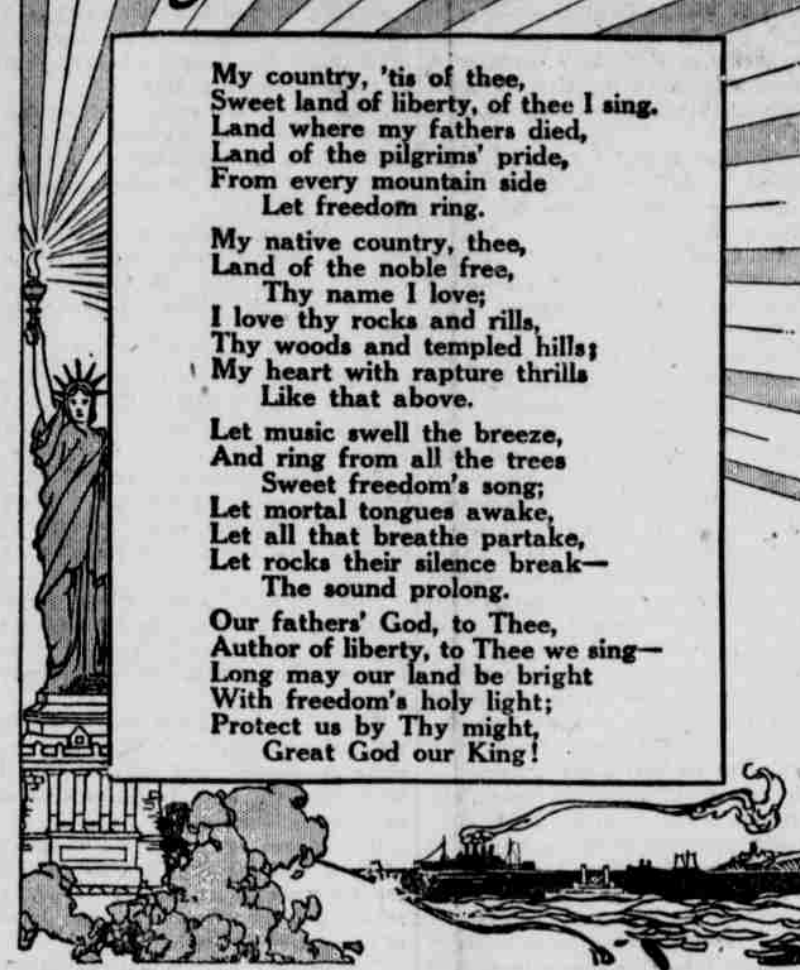
The officers who worked so faithfully and persistently last year were re-elected as follows: President, L. L. Cone; vice president, H. K. White; secretary, E. O. Dewey; treasurer, A. D. Whipple. The tent will again be placed on the ground north of the armory.

Widows' Pensions.

Marl T. Murray, of Lansing, who is secretary of the State Board of Corrections and Charities, has asked the judge of probate and the county treasurer for certain information concerning the working of the mothers' pension law in Shiawassee county. The report covers the year ending June 30.

Judge of Probate Matthew Bush has considered 25 petitions for mothers' pensions and has granted 20. Some of these have since been canceled. The number of children provided for by the pensions have been 53. Of the mothers granted pensions, 13 are widowed, two have been deserted by their husbands, three are divorced, the husband of one is in an institution for the insane, and one has a husband in a penal institution. The amount granted will average one dollar for each child per week.

The records of County Treasurer J. A. Richardson show that he has paid in mothers' pensions each month as follows: July, 1916, \$185.50; August, \$203.50; September, \$210.50; October, \$235.50; November, \$267.50; December, \$280.00; January, 1917, \$265.50; February, \$284.50; March, \$262.50; April, \$253.00; May, \$263.00. A total of \$2,974.50 has been paid during the year.

AMERICA
By Samuel Francis Smith

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring.

My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake,
Let all that breathe partake,
Let rocks their silence break—
The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty, to Thee we sing—
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God our King!

Tax Collection.

The summer tax roll is completed and collection of taxes will begin July 2, the total amount to be collected being \$104,000. Under the charter the collection must be made during July.

Roy Cole of Oakley, was fined \$15 Tuesday for speeding his automobile at New Lothrop.

Major P. N. Cook and daughter Frances, have arrived in Corunna from Detroit. They will spend the summer at their home on Norton street.

A marriage license was issued Wednesday to Fred Himberg, aged 26, a pipefitter of Owosso, and Lucy Dorless Phillips, aged 26, also of Owosso.

An order was issued Monday by the Judge of Probate appointing H. G. Whitehead as administrator in the estate of the late James Patterson of Byron. Fred Stowell and J. L. Van Alstine were appointed commissioners on claims.

Chas. W. Jennings has been granted a license by the probate court to sell real estate in the Margaret Brooks estate. The property is located in Corunna on West Lyon street, two blocks west of the water works.

The Owosso board of education plans to expend \$3,000 on the chemical and physical laboratory of the high school, improvements to include new science tables, apparatus for experiments and new plumbing. Foreign high school students will be required to pay a tuition fee of \$40 next year and foreign grade students \$30.

Mrs. Maud Ellsworth of Owosso, has commenced suit against her husband, Edward J. Ellsworth, for divorce. They were married by Rev. W. R. Wolford at Owosso, Sept. 14, 1916. Her name before the marriage was Maud S. Smith. They lived together until the 26th of last month when conditions became unendurable. She charges Ellsworth with having a coarse, stubborn, and faultfinding disposition, and with using bad language.

Thomas Agnew, aged 86 years, a pioneer of Shiawassee county, died Wednesday at Detroit, and the remains were brought to Corunna for burial Thursday, funeral services being conducted by Corunna Masonic lodge, Rev. E. J. Cross officiating, at the home of W. J. Simeon. Mr. Agnew was born in Antrim township. He lived in Corunna a number of years, being a real estate dealer and saloon keeper. He built the large residence known as the Eveleth home. His wife and two sons survive.

A petition was filed in the probate court Wednesday, asking for the appointment of an administrator in the estate of the late Davis Dutcher of Bennington township. Mr. Dutcher died June 13. There are three heirs named in the petition, two daughters, Lucy Smith and Alice Carson, and one son, Hiel Dutcher, of Bennington. The estate is valued at \$700 in personal property. July 20 has been set for the hearing.

County Bankers' Association.

The annual meeting of the Shiawassee County Bankers' Association was held in the director's room of the Citizens' Savings bank Tuesday evening. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President—W. F. Gallagher, Owosso. Vice President—Byron P. Hicks, Durand.

Sec'y—Clifford Spaulding, Perry. Treasurer—Hugh Parker, Bancroft.

Red Cross Rooms at Armory.

The Red Cross work rooms will be moved next week to the second floor of the armory from the D. M. Christian store building which is to be used for business purposes.

The surgical dressing class has completed its work and will be examined next week by Miss Margaret Smith of Bay City, as to the efficiency of the work.

J. H. Robbins has arranged to cut the cloth for the Red Cross work which has been done up to this time at the Robe factory in Corunna.

Blue Ribbon Races at Detroit July 23-28.

What promises to be the greatest racing in the history of the trotting turf will be seen during the thirty-third annual Blue Ribbon meeting of the Detroit Driving Club at the state fair grounds July 23 to 28. This will be the second meeting in the chain of tracks known as the Grand Circuit, and in addition to the campaigning stables from Cleveland there will be an unusual number of recruits from among the winners of the Short Ship Circuit, where such good racing prevails this year.

Not only is there a large original entry in the classics which feature the Detroit meeting, but so few horses have been withdrawn that the outlook is for exceptional fields. This combined with the high class of the trotters and pacers engaged insure a carnival of speed and the likelihood of many new track records.

In the arrangement of the program for the five afternoons the Ponchartrain stake for 2:14 trotters comes on Monday, July 23; the Board of Commerce \$5,000 stake for 2:06 pacers on Tuesday; the world famous M. & M. stake of \$10,000 for 2:08 trotters on Wednesday; the free for all pace on Thursday and the free for all trot on Friday. Each of these is flanked with from two to three late closing events.

In addition to a racing card of rare merit there will be daily musical programs furnished by one of the best bands obtainable.

Day Light Time.

The United States Senate passed the day light saving bill, Wednesday, providing for the turning of the clocks forward one hour, beginning the last Sunday in April and continuing to the last Sunday in September.

U. S. SOLDIERS

ON FRENCH SOIL

WILL SOON BE ON FIRING LINE WITH ALLIES.

America Will Now Realize That We Are Now in the War to the Finish.

With the landing of U. S. troops in France Wednesday and their transfer to the fighting line immediately, the United States is in every way in the great world war that must end in the downfall of monarchies, in the rule of the people and the end of militarism. The men were received with wild welcome by the French people. The men sent to France are regulars who have been serving on the Mexican border and every arrangement to transfer them to France has been made since May 18, including the actual transportation in which no trouble was experienced from submarines, mines or other obstacles. It is a good indication of what can be done in the future. The American forces will be fed, clothed, armed and equipped by the United States, making a big gain to the fighting force without any added burden to the Allies. Enough men and supplies are to be sent from this country to win the war regardless of how many or how much, and the success of the first start is heartening to the Allies and will undoubtedly keep Russia in line which insures a final victory even though Germany is able to hold out for some months.

Red Cross Directory.

A directory of officers, directors, committees and sub-committees of the Shiawassee Chapter has been prepared by the secretary. It includes addresses and officers' telephone numbers as well. The plan as outlined shows at the present time four committees and six sub-committees operating under the direction of the executive committee. The work of the military relief committee is divided into six branches as follows: Purchasing and stock committee, surgical dressings; hospital garments knitting; inspection and packing. Later committees on civilian relief including first aid classes and aid to dependent families of soldiers will be appointed.

The complete roster of officers and committees follows:

Officers.

Chairman—Mrs. Chas. O. Loring, 209 W. Oliver, phone 181.

Vice Chairman—Mrs. M. W. Southard, 624 N. Ball, phone 540.

Secretary—Mrs. Harland P. White, 412 W. Main, phone 381.

Treasurer—Mr. A. D. Whipple, Owosso Savings Bank, phone 27.

Board of Directors.

Three year term — Mrs. M. W. Southard, Owosso; Mrs. Harland P. White, Owosso; Mrs. Geo. T. Campbell, Owosso; Mrs. Harry G. Parker, Owosso; Mrs. Chas. O. Loring, Owosso; Mrs. A. M. Hume, Owosso; John Y. Martin, Corunna; Miss Georgia Tilden, Vernon, and A. B. Cook, of Maple River.

Two year term—A. D. Whipple, Owosso; J. Edwin Ellis, Owosso; Mrs. C. M. Billmeyer, Corunna; Miss Florence Wilcox, Perry; H. P. Slane, Bancroft; Mrs. T. S. Martin, Morrice; T. M. Euler, Bancroft; Rev. Fr. Taylor, Langsburg, and Mrs. Arthur Strong, Bennington.

One year term — Roy Taber, Corland; Mrs. M. W. Gardner, Henderson; Warren Doane, New Haven; Mrs. Eleanor Colby, New Lothrop; Fred Miller, Corunna; Verne Leeman, Shaftsbury; John Struble, Durand; Guy Barden, Byron, and W. J. Brookings, Ovid.

Executive committee — J. Edwin Ellis, Mrs. A. M. Hume and Mrs. G. T. Campbell.

Membership committee — Chairman, Mrs. A. M. Hume; vice chairman, J. Edwin Ellis.

Military Relief committee—Chairman, Mrs. Harry Parker; vice chairman, Mrs. M. W. Southard.

Purchasing and Stock committee—Mrs. Loring and Mrs. Southard.

Surgical Dressings—Mrs. Parker. Hospital Garments—Mrs. T. Stebbins and Miss Nan Todd.

Knitting—Mrs. A. A. Todd, Mrs. Fred Osburn.

Inspection—Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Gallagher.

Packing—Mrs. Southard and Mrs. Loring.

Finance committee — Chairman, A. T. Wright; A. D. Whipple, G. L. Taylor, W. A. Rosenkrans, Geo. T. Campbell, Wm. Seegmiller and L. B. Allison.

WANT NEW HOSPITAL.

Physicians Wish to Form \$40,000 Company and Build Modern Institution.

Physicians of the county are much interested in a plan to have a new and up-to-date hospital for the county, and some time ago appointed committees and secured an option on the Dudley apartment property on Oliver street, but owing to strenuous opposition to the location of a hospital in the center of the best residence portion of the city, gave up the plan and the apartment has been sold to D. M. Christian, who will probably remodel it into a fine home or tear it down and build a home on the site.

Following the sale to Mr. Christian a committee consisting of C. P. Bentley, D. M. Christian, J. E. Ellis, Fred Woodard and J. H. Robbins was selected to secure subscriptions from manufacturers and others, and a committee of Drs. W. T. Parker of Corunna, A. M. Hume and A. L. Arnold of Owosso, to work among the doctors to select a site, secure plans, get subscriptions and build a hospital adequate for the needs of the county. The plan is receiving much encouragement.

GREAT PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED FOR OWOSSO CHAUTAUQUA.

Exceptional Array of Talent to Appear Here—San Carlo Grand Opera Company in New Program—Old Soldier Fiddlers and Mrs. Gen. Pickett a Big Patriotic Feature—Seven Fine Lectures.

Dates for Owosso are July 21-27 inclusive. The day by day program:

FIRST DAY.

Afternoon—Concert—The Apollo Concert Co.

Evening—Concert—The Apollo Concert Co. Lecture, "The University of Hard Knocks," Ralph Parlette.

SECOND DAY.

Afternoon—Story Lecture—"Personal Recollections of Civil War Leaders." La Salle Corbell Pickett (Mrs. Gen. Geo. E. Pickett).

Evening—The Old Soldier Fiddlers, under direction of Col. John A. Pattee, 24th Regt., Michigan Volunteers.

THIRD DAY.

Afternoon—Concert—Vierra's Royal Hawaiian Singers and Players. Lecture, "The Man of Now," Dr. Chas. S. Medbury.

Evening—Concert—Vierra's Royal Hawaiian Singers and Players. Illustrated entertainment, Chas. Crawford Gorst, the Bird Man.

FOURTH DAY.

Afternoon—Concert—The Zedeler Symphonic Sextette. Dramatic Reading, "Strongheart," Margaret Stahl.

Evening—Concert—The Zedeler Symphonic Sextette. Lecture, "Remaking the Kentucky Mountaineers," Pres. James A. Burns, ("Burns of the Mountaineers.")

FIFTH DAY.

Afternoon—This is "Rest Afternoon." No program, except on Sundays.

Evening—The San Carlo Grand Opera Company.

SIXTH DAY.

Afternoon—Entertainment—Judith Hampton and Elsie Mae Gordon. The Children's Delight, Mack's Bird Circus.

Evening—The Musical Pageant, "Fi-Fi of the Toy Shop," Lecture, "The Fiddler and the Fire," Fred G. Bala.

SEVENTH DAY.

Afternoon—Music and Entertainment Supreme, Elmer Crawford Adams Co.

Evening—Lecture—"The Future of Europe," Hon. Francis Neilson. Grand Closing Concert, Elmer Crawford Adams Company.

Junior Chautauqua every morning except Sunday.

Notice of Annual School Meeting.

The Annual School Meeting of the Union School District of the City of Owosso, for the election of Two Trustees for full term and the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come up, will be held at the Lincoln School in the City of Owosso, July 9, at 8 o'clock p. m. The polls will be open for election of Trustees from 2 to 8 o'clock.

W. R. GOODRICH,
Sec'y Board of Education

Dated June 28, 1917.

Born, Wednesday, to Mr. and Mrs. Scott Randall, North Washington street, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tabbs of Chicago, were guests of Owosso relatives Monday.

Thomas Kern, aged 37, of Lansing, and John Shaffer, aged 34, of Youngstown, Ohio, were sentenced to 10 days in the county jail for being disorderly, by Justice McBride Wednesday afternoon.